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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 0515

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, NI

SUBJECT: KADUNA RUMOR MILL

REF: KADUNA 0513

1. PO AND AO ATTENDED RECEPTION EVENING APRIL 24 FOR VISITING CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN OIL & CHEMICAL MARKETING COMPANY WHERE RELATIVELY FEW NORTHERNERS IN EVIDENCE. DISCREET ENQUIRIES ABOUT RUMOR REGARDING YAR'ADUA RESULTED IN FOLLOWING.

2. IGNATIUS DURLONG, FORMER NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN (WHO HAS REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO PO AS CIA AGENT) IN RESPONSE TO PO'S ENQUIRY ABOUT "RUMOR THAT BIG MAN IN LAGOS IN DETENTION" IMMEDIATELY DREW PO TO QUIET CORNER AND ASKED WHETHER YAR'ADUA REFERRED TO. IN RESPONSE TO AFFIRMATIVE, HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAD HEARD SAME STORY. WHEN ASKED WHETHER HIS STORY HAD "GOWON CONNECTION", HE AGAIN AGREED AND ASKED WHETHER PO HAD HEARD OF IYA ABUBAKAR ARREST IN SAME STORY. PO INDICATED HE HAD. BOTH AGREED THAT IF RUMOR CORRECT, THINGS WERE DETERIORATING BADLY BUT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT, GIVEN RUMOR MILL ASPECT OF

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NIGERIAN SOCIETY IT DIFFICULT SEPARATE FACT FROM CHAFF.

3. KADUNA-BASED INDIGENE OF BENIN (BUSINESSMAN) ACKNOWLEDGED HAVING HEARD RUMOR OF YAR'ADUA DETENTION AND OF GOWON CONNECTION. MIDDLE BELT PHYSICIAN CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF RUMOR TO PO BUT LATER TOLD AO THAT HE FELT POLITICAL POT WAS BOILING.

4. COMMENT: CONSULATE OFFICER AND SENIOR FSLE REPORTED
THIS MORNING THAT 9 P.M. TV NEWS LAST NIGHT SHOWED FILM
CLIP YAR
'ADUA VISITING FLOOD DISASTER SITE IN OYO STATE.
SENIOR FSLE COMMENTED THAT RUMOR STILL PERSISTS RE
ARMS SMUGGLING. SENIOR FSLE ALSO REPORTED HE WAS INFORMED
THAT VICE CHANCELLOR ABUBAKAR WAS SEEN YESTERDAY MORNING
AT ABU CHECKING STUDENTS ROOMS.
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